

Good morning, Gateway. Today is Friday, September 22, 2023.

_____ The Gateway cross country team competed in their first meet yesterday hosting Heatherwood and Explorer Middle Schools. The Guardian runners had an outstanding afternoon, and all the athletes gave it their all. The girls team finished first in their race with 5 of the top 8 runners. The team was led by: Zoie Lochmann, Emma Willey, Tori Hopkins, Chandra Narayanan Sankara and Lina Eldisi. The boys team ran strong and finished third. The lead runners for the Guardians were: Jonathan Yim, Caden Nakajima and Aiden Kim. The Gateway XC team will host their second meet of the year next week on Thursday.

_____ Gateway Robotics applications are now closed. Coaches received over 60 applications! Thank you to all who applied. Emails have been sent to students to let them know if they were accepted to the team or not. Students who were not accepted at this time will be put on a waiting list in case any spots open up. Please contact Ms. Van Tuyl or Mr. Iversen if you have any questions.

_____ Today is the day! We are excited to celebrate the reading you did over the summer by playing the Pick a Popsicle game at lunch. If you participated in our summer reading program, you will be invited outside to play. Please listen carefully for your group to be called and find the line with your last name. You will pick a popsicle from a box. If it has a special mark on the wrapper, you win and can choose a prize.

_____ Calling all 8th graders! We want you for our 8th grade Gateway Reads Committee. Preview newly released books and give your opinion if they should make the cut for our list. We meet on Fridays during the last fifteen minutes of lunch. We will have our first meeting next Friday. If you are interested, fill out the form on the Gateway Library website or see Mrs. Stephens for more details.

_____ Students, please do not run through the bus area before and after school and while the buses are pulling in and out. Also, you need to stay behind the yellow lines while the buses are present. This is for your safety!

_____ If you can read, speak, write, listen and understand another language, sign up by October 31st to take the World Language Assessment to earn High School language credits. The forms are available in the kiosk near the Counseling Office. There will only be one testing opportunity this year; the next WLA testing window will open in the 2024-2025 school year. Please complete your form and bring \$10 in cash or check to Mrs. Trachte in the Main Office. The WLA is only open to 7th and 8th graders.

_____ Are you interested in scriptwriting, editing, filming, or acting? Great news! The AV club is almost ready and will start on October 12 from 3-4 PM in Room A412. Don't forget to sign up for the activity bus or plan your transportation. It's going to be an exciting experience!

And remember, Gateway, to GUARD your character!